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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: J. Tung
TADASHI OKAMOTO, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 09/764,050)	
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Filed: January 19, 2001)	
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For: DETECTION/QUANTIFICATION)		
OF TARGETED NUCLEOTIDE :)		
CHAINS, AND DETECTION/ :)		
QUANTIFICATION OF MULTI- :)		
FOLD NUCLEOTIDE CHAINS BY)		
FLUORESCENCE	:	December 27, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

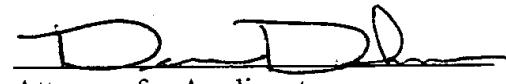
Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002 for one month from November 28, 2002 to Monday, December 30, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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